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Title : Multi-Stage Transmission for an Internal  
: Combustion Engine

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the specification, claims and abstract prior to the examination of the application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper. (A Substitute Specification with marked up version submitted concurrently herewith).

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** are reflected on a separate, unnumbered page attached to the last page of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.